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WHEN THE Allegheny county Republican delegation on Wednesday unanimously decided to support Lyon and Huff, it virtually settled the only remaining uncertainties with reference to next week's state convention. Jack Robinson has made a gallant fight; and will be in line when another apportion-

Republicanism and the South.

There is a good deal of sound sense in the proposition to alter the basis of representation in the next National Republican convention. At this time and senators, yet it altogether may not least get credit for casting as manygive each state two delegates as delegates-at-large, one delegate from each congress district, and an additional delegate for every 7,000 Republican votes cast in any congress district at delegate for the fraction of 7,000 votes this proposition, National Committee man David Martin says:

I am entirely in favor of the proposed change, and I have no hesitation in saying that my vote, if necessary, will be east in that way. Under the present system of representation we are laboring under a gross inequality, and the scener it is rem-edied the better it will be all around. The injustice of the thing must be apparent at a grance. Pennsylvania, which gives royal Republican majorities, is compelled at roys! Republican majorities, is compelled at national conventions to stand on the same footing as such Democratic states as Texas and Alabama. The delegates from Texas, for instance, will be quite vociferous in proclaiming their choice of a candidate for the presidency, when the delegates know and everybody else knows that Texas will come up amiling with tremendous majorities in favor of the Democratic candidate. I have the greatest regard for the struggling Republicans in hopelessly the struggling Republicans in hopelessly Democratic states, and they deserve much encouragement and consideration, but I do not think it should be done at the ex-pense of royal Republican states like For these reasons I favor

Mr. Martin has gone to the trouble change is made the number of deleold basis of four delegates-at-large fore, insist upon a thorough probing. from each state and two from each If the proposition carries the Republi- evasion. that cominate it."

munities where Republican voters are vengeance. few it is a comparatively easy matter for a coterie of scalawage to invest themselves with fictitious titles, assums great importance and "control" the politics of their section. Thus they come to national conventions as delegates virtually representing nothing but their own conceit or greed and at once proceed to open negotiations with the managers of the various booms. In the case of a Republican president up for nomination, they naturally cling to the candidacy that offers greatest hopes of retention in the post offices, and there have been instances known when unpopular men have thus been foisted on the party through the interested "gratitude" of these poon bah southern placeholders. All this is unRepublican and also unfair. The honest element in the party ought not to be made to tolerate it. For deserving Republicans in the south there will naturally be much kindly consideration. But they will first need to dissociate themselves from the familiar type of Southern Republicanism which generally shows up resplendent at national conventions, before their claims can be weighed with exact jus-

COXEY'S PEDESTRIAN ability fits him rather for the domain of the buskin than for the gassy forum of congressional debate.

Curtailing Court Costs.

It is a noteworthy fact that a Schuylkill county grand jury has this week, out of sixty-five cases ignored, placed the costs in fifty-eight cases upon the plaintiffs. There can be no question that this vigorous kind of treatment, if systematically pursued, will soon act as a dampener to that form of petty spite which seeks to air its small grudges in the courts, as well as to the hankering of certain aldermen for trivial opportunities to tap the county till. In this connection another change should be made in laws governing petty court costs whereby a bogus plea of insolvency will not eventually throw the county.

The general acceptance by Pennsylvania county courts of the precedent set in this city several years ago by Judge Archbald with reference to exorbitant fees arising from dishonestly formulated justices' charges is proof that this particular evil is widespread that things are moving underneath. and that the public is willing and Froth does not float on quiet water,

corrected. For a time it may be diffipolities is daily getting more precariwill be righted.

IF IT BE really necessary for the western advocates of free silver coinage to One is the force dominant now in conhave a candidate for president two gress-a force which may be tersely years hence; if the fever of inflation epitomized as popular spoliation, which cannot do better than to vent itself in THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE as Greenbackism, we can foresee no likelier candidate than "Silver Dollar" Bland. He is an experienced statesman and a man of personal integrity. He really believes, with the accumulated emphasis of profound ability and long self-deception, that it would be instural advantages and her incomparpossible for the American people to able superiority in the theory of selfstamp their fiat on a fifty-cent silver piece and have it accepted on a dollar basis by intelligent persons throughout the world.

THE ESTERMED Norristown Herald, rather flippantly remarks that "it is a decidedly bad day for denunciations when Congressman Breckinridge is not 'again denounced' by some society or other." It is a pleasure to note that the basis is that of general population. | there is cause for the Herald's attempt The south, for instance, gets twice as at a joke. When public sentiment dimany delegates as it has congressmen | rects the finger of scorn at the moral leper instead of denouncing his weak cast as many Republican votes-or at victim or partner in sin, who usually is forced to suffer alone, the world is ceras are cast in any two of our smaller tainly growing better. The colonel is northern states. It is proposed now to not entitled to sympathetic boquets just yet.

Make It Thorough.

The unanimous adoption in the senate yesterday of a resolution providing for the presidential election of 1892; also a a committee of five senators "to inquire whether any contributions have been greater than one-half besides two del- made by the sugar trust to any politiegates from each territory and from cal party for campaign or election the District of Columbia. Concerning purposes, or to secure or deteat legisls tion; and whether any senator has been speculating in augar stock during the pendencyof the tariff bill" indicates that the senatorial mood has lately and abruptly changed. Substantially the same investigation was proposed four weeks before, and the matter was incontinently dropped upon the representation of one reverend sensior that paying attention to such idle rumors would lower the senate's traditional

A reversal thus marked, coming within so brief a period after the original refusal, indicates uncrringly that public opinion has gathered force. It is scarcely to be supposed that a committee from the implicated body, chosen by the appointment of a presiding officer whose election to the vicepresidency is alleged to have been included in the sugar trust deal, would under ordinary circumstances exert itself abnormally for the unpleasant purto figure out that if the proposed pose of befouling its own nest. Consequently if this unanimously adopted gates from Pennsylvania will be in- resolution of inquiry is to have any creased from sixty-four to ninety seven. practical force, it must gain it through The whole number of delegates in the the strong impelling strength of inconvention will be increased from 503 dignant public sentiment determined to to 1165, a net increase in the body of get at the true inwardness of these 263 delegates. Remarkable changes charges. The persons who make them will take place in the strength of each are known. Their sources of informastate delegation. Only four states, tion are easily obtainable. The de-Delaware, Montana, North Dakota tailed swidence is said to be in readiand Rhode Island, will have the ness for prompt presentation to the same number they had under the proper persons. Let the public, there

Whether the finding be true or false congress district. The representation in this particular case, there will be in all the southern states will be radi- another committee of inquiry which cally decreased, while those of the Democratic tariff tinkers of the north will be increased. New York will senate will have soon to face, and it gain the powerful number of 54 and will not deal in white wash. The comwill have 126 votes in the next conven- mittee will consist not of five, but of tion, where in the last she only had 72, 15,000,000 members, and it will conduct This will be the largest increase of all, an inquiry of which there will be no When so prominent a Democan party will speak in the next con- crat as Representative Harter admits vention as it has never spoken before that his fellow partisans in congress and the voters who must be depended have acted either as knaves or as upon to elect the ticket will be the ones driveling imbeciles, it will be in order for the people to cross-examine their The obvious advantage of this are servants and ascertain the exact rangement is that it will cut off one measure of their demonstrated nofitgreat and fruitful source of scandal and ness for office. They are in a mood to State league that there should be so uncertainty. In sparsely settled com- do this; and they will do it with a

REPRESENTATIVE Michael D. Harter is much displeased with the senate edition of the Wilson tariff bill, and daclares he will not vote for it. He fears its enactment would "stamp the Democcatio members as a lot of imbeciles and their party managers in both onses as driveling idiots." These are pinted words, but we are not prepared to do much in way of denial, We are disposed, however, to except one man, Michael D Harter is a tree trader from mistaken conviction. He is wrong, but he is honestly wrong. He is not in the tariff reforming business for the money there is in it.

The American Peasants' Revolt. It is a coincidence of more that transient importance that on the very day when "General" Coxey was cited to appear before the district courts at It pays to be decent, Washington for conduct notoriously foolish, if not intentionally criminal, he was being nominated for congress by a convocation of excited men representing a district which had once been served in congress by a stateaman named William McKinley. Amid all the jocularity excited by this Coxey episode, and back of all its shifting absurdity, striking originality and uncommon methods, it is well at times to give it serious heed.

That it is the forerunner of vast economic reforms, to which it bears no more serious relationship than the crowing fowl that sits astride a barn or coop swept onward by an irresistible yet noiseless flood, is not improbable. We must remember, too, that the utter stupidity of Cornishman Wat Tyler was necessary to enlighten the yeomanry of feudal Britain that they also had rights as well as the hereditary lords. And even frothy Jack Cade, decrying men who could read or write, and bellowing lustily for a regime in which "six hoops of ale should be sold for a ha'penny,' played, in his way, no worthless part in the affranchisement of European manhood, notwithstanding he lost his head in a double sense and caused many a the burden in rejected cases over upon ghastly gibbet to hang low with its churlish fruit.

When gas bags like Coxey are thrown in inflated momentary prominence to the surface of public effairs, though they may be punctured the moment afterward, and collapse like a bubble that is spent, it is a certain indication eager to have the abuse practically nor foment exhibit exhibit itself

where progress has run its course. It cult to get the legislature to give seri- is probably true at this mement that ous heed to amendments needed in ex- the future of the American middle isting laws, but entrenched jobbery in classes is at stake in this agitationnot at stake in Coxeyism, understand, ous and shaky. In the end these things but in the agitation of which Coxeyism is intrinsically the least momentous exponent. Two extreme forces have brought this condition about. has as its allies unprincipled politicians another political abortion short lived of any or all parties, ready to sell themselves or their country upon any occasion for place or power or pelf. The other is the endeavor of honest and business-like, thinking citizenship to preserve through legislation, for the benefit of all the people, America's government.

Of the outcome we can, in the long run, have no serious doubt. There is a deating in history which points unmistakably to this continent and to this republic as the theater in which is to be solved humanity's great battle for stable and equitably distributed government. Those, only, despair who cannot look ahead.

SENATOR LODGE is cutitled to credit for having finally smoked the sugar trust ground hog out.

ASTHE Coffee Cools.

Referring to a prevalent rumor that 00 competent journalists in New York city, as well as an equal number in Paris, were out of employment and on the verge of starvation, the Pittsburg Dispatch rather pointedly expresses its disbelief, adding pertinently: "There may be a great many idle men who imagine they are competent journalists, and are not, and, perhaps, an equal number of men of good abilities whose habits are so unreliable that they throw away their chances. But we hazard the assertion that even at the present time a thoroughly competent, reliable newspaper man will, in nine cases out of ten, be able to find steady newspaper employment within thirty days o commencing a vigorous search for it. The talk of overcrowded professions omes mainly from those who have chosen voluntarily to take remote chances of success in the learned occuottons rather than work hard in business or manual vocations where a fair measure of success would be almost

Already the idol has fallen. In the land of peannts and gestadheit the rele-brated Michael J. Kelly, who erstwhile vas almost ready to run for congress, is thus derided by the satirical editor of the Allentown Leader: "Allentown has idolized Michael. He has been alike the urchin's demi-god and the hero of the age. The lawyer and the doctor and the minister bave not refused to yell for him, and the maidens gay and toddling infants have elo quently listed his praise. But Michael's star is already in the descendant. After a few short weeks and a dozen eventful games he stready begins to Our shouts are turning to groans, or proud hurrahs to sneers of derision Inless King Kel can be more of a man than he seemed to be yesterday, the awelling chorus of cheers will die in a sibilant him. Unless he turns from will soon be glad to turn him out to Mike Kelly did so yesterday, His stilly jocularity gave to base ball lovers a faint feeling. His indignities made one, and more than one, pine for taste of the good old Hanlon regime. Mr. Kelly is not too old to learn better. If he can best Harrisburg and behave like a gentleman, all may be forgiven. But if he can't we would recommend bim to seek a job in a Coney Island concert hall forthwith." Sucu, alsa, is

Following up a line of thought recently advanced editorially in THE TRIBUNE, the esteemed Allentown Chronicle very sensibly says: "It does not bods well for the future of the early in the season so much contention, charges of 'dirty play,' fault-finding with umpires, disorderliness on the grounds and undue jealousies on the part of managers. It has been demonstrated that the public will patronize the game freely when it is conducted to an orderly manner and when players act the part of gentlemen. Unfortunately rowdyism occasionally manifests itself, to the injury of the sport. A well contested game, where there is an absence of profanity and betting, is one of the most enjoyable of diversions, to which no reasonable objection can be made, and there is no reason why the game cannot at all times be made clean and respectable. Rivalry is natural, it atimulates interest in the game and is iculthy; and while each team should do its best to win there is no justification for the outbreaks that on occasions have brought discredit on the game. There is no surer or swifter way to bring base ball into disrepute and to lose it patronage than disorderliness on the grounds, whether between players or spectators.

Curious people who have haunted the vicinity of the Brooklyn gas wells have been unable to get a sniff of the gas or gain any intelligence upon the subject other than that published in The Tri-UNE several days ago. The derrick has been fenced up and no one is allowed to approach the hole night or day. The oil fever, however is unabated According to the Tunkhan-nock Age, work has been commenced on the farm of Alpheus Adams, near Forkston. The drillers intend, if necessary, to go down 2,600 feet. Their rope to which the drill is attached is 2,480 feet long and weighs nearly 8,000 The parties interested have about 16,000 acres under lease, and are confident of striking either oil or gas.

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the manufacturers of the instrument mas-ter the art of producing inexhaustible cylinders it will be possible for Senator Peffer to reach his Kansas constituents, Senator Quay will be able to deliver his tariff speech by proxy, Senator Allen's financial views may be transported in this manner, and even General Weaver may orate without fear of eggs. Senator Voorhees Defined.

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